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SUBJECT: TEXTILES -- FRENCH IMPORT LICENSING SCHEME

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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. DEPARTMENT HAS HEARD THAT ON OCTOBER 10, THE GOF
SUSPENDED ISSUANCE OF IMPORT LICENSES FOR TEXTILES,
AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER LICENSING SYSTEM OUTLINED REF B.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, WHILE LICENSES ARE BEING WITH-
HELD FOR ALL TEXTILE IMPORTS REGARDLESS OF SOURCE
OUTSIDE EEC, REAL TARGET IS LOW COST IMPORTS FROM FAR
EASTERN SUPPLIERS. THIS OF COURSE MEANS, HOWEVER, THAT
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ALL IMPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM U.S., ARE "CAUGHT

IN THE WEB" AND U.S. SHIPMENTS ARE BEING HELD UP.

3. A CASE IN POINT IS SPRING MILLS SHIPMENT OF FOUR CONTAINERS TOTALING 120,000 YARDS OF 50/50 POLYESTER/ COTTON BLENDED SHEETING WORTH DOLS 110,000. SHIPMENT IS PRESENTLY IN SPRINGS MILLS, INC., BONDED WAREHOUSE IN MAROMME WHERE IT HAS BEEN FOR PAST FIVE WEEKS. SPRING

MILLS AGENT IN FRANCE SAYS HE WAS TOLD BY MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH) THAT

LICENSES WERE BEING WITHHELD FOR ALL TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM OUTSIDE EEC, AND DID NOT KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD AGAIN BE ISSUED.

4. ASIDE FROM OUR CONCERN STATED PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL C) THAT SUCH AN ACTION ON THE PART OF THE GOF WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE MFA (ARTICLE 9), THE SITUATION IN THIS CASE IS PARTICULARLY FRUSTRATING SINCE THE GOODS IN QUESTION ARE BEING SHIPPED TO FRANCE TO BE SEWN INTO SHEETS AND PILLOWCASES IN BOND, AND THEN REEXPORTED.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOF OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE IF, THEY ARE INDEED WITHHOLDING LICENSES, AND STATUS OF LICENSES FOR SHIPMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE, AND ADVISE. KISSINGER

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